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By a Wellwisher to all Mankind.

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# To the Reader.

THE Occasion of Writing this is not with an Intent to bring Honour and Profit to myfelf, but to bring Honour to God, and Profit to immortal Souls; for, feeing Iniquity fo abound, I have been confirmin'd to write the following Treatife; and I pray God it may have the wish'd-for Success: So Reader look well to shylelf; consider thy Ways and be wife. Art thou an outward Singer? Here is formething for thee; dilobey it at the Peril of thy Immortal Soul. Art thou one Outwardly circumspect, resting in the form of Godliness, but destitute of the Power? Here is likewise a Portion for thee. Art thou a Mourner? Here is Comfort for thee in thy Diffress. Art thou in wardly holy as well as outwardly righteous? Here are Directions for thee to continue to to the End. So let ev'ry one take what is his Lott; for be who ye will or what ye will, if you are determin'd to continue in Sin, Destruction will be your Portion; but, for the Love of God and for the fake of your Immortal Part, take this timely Warning. God is not willing you should die in your Sins and be Miferable to all Eternity; for he expresty faith " I de-" light not in the Death of the Wicked, but that the 66. Wicked turn from his Way and live: Turn ye, turn es ye, for why will ye die"? He wills your Holinels in Time and your Happiness in Eternity. O then be no longer Unwise; but if you tender your Souls Welfare in Time and in Eternity, let about a Preparation ou ckly : forfake your Sins instantly; confess them to the Lord earnefly; and he who hath promifed to receive the vilest of the vile, will pardon and forgive you all your Sins and cleanfe you from all Unrighteoutness: then as Eternity must be your Everlasting Home, trifle not in

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the Way; for, depend upon it, if you die guilty everlasting Destruction will be your Portion; but if you turn from Sin to God in Time, if you live to his Gloty here, you will then die the Death of the Righteous, and have your Lot among the just; which, that you all may, God of his Infinite Mercy grant, for Jesus Christ's Sake; AMEN.



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## SINNER'S LOOKINGGLASS.

THERE are the Men. I fay, the Women where, Who do in Truth the King of Glory feat? Who fly from Sin. who groan to be made free? Where are his Servants in Sincerity? Where dwell the People who him fear and love, Who live, in some Degree, like those above, Whose Souls are cloath'd with Righteousness divine, Who fly from Sin, who in good Works do thine? Where dwell the People who are fill'd with Peace, Who do afoire for inward Holinels. Who only live to be prepar'd to die. To praise tree Grace in the bright World of Joy? Where, are they found? Where is their Dwelling Place? Alass! I fear they are of small Increase. Few fly from Sin; few make to God true Prayer; Few are forgiven, few his Image bear. And why is this? Alass it is too plain; Men are immers'd in Pleasure or gross Sin; Sin, that foul Monster, Thousands do pursue; And Pleasures vain, which will their Souls andoe. Swearing is wrong, all, doubtlefs, will confele; And yet this Sin abounds in ev'ry Place; And fo doth Whoreing and Adultery: And Drunkards, now, do even beafts defy; And Sabath-breaking doubtless is a Sin : And yet, alas! Thousands do live therein: Regardless of the Laws of God and Man; But Satan's Caufe they valliantly maintain. Gaming is wrong; Cheating and Lying too; Extortion, and the like, will Souls undoe: And yet, alas! alas! it is too plain, Thousands with all their Might these Ways maintain; Shocking A 3

Shocking alass to fee, in every Place, How Sin abounds, the Caule of all Diffres: Sin, that sweet Morfel, Thousands do take in Sweet, did I fay? alass it ends in Pain; Yet People live as tho' there was no God. Or fure Rewards for either bad or good; But foon with them the Scene will changed be: For they must launch into Eternity; And if they are not chang'd in Time by Grace. They'll have the Wages of Unrighteousnels, In the dark Gulph of Everlasting Pain. Nor, for a Moment, be releas'd again: Pain Everlasting! Oh Eternal Pain? The Word Eternal brings an Awfull Scene. At this each Sinner should learn to be wife, And turn to God, who gives Eternal Joys: But if they will not turn to him, while here, Of Joys immortal they will have no share; But Pain unceasing, will their Portion be, Oh dreadfull thought! to all Eternity. So here's the End of a vain Life of Sin: Oh Dismal End! which is Eternal Pain. And Pleasure takers must have the same Fate. If Guilty found, when Death shall on them wait : At this some start; but why should it be so? A Playhouse, doubtless, is the Road to Woe; Balls and Assemblies lead the felf-same Way, Tho' Thousands do frequent them in our Day; And all things elfe, which feed the carnal Mind, Are doubtless wrong, as People foon will find To their Confusion, when their Bodies die, Unless they do Forgiveness here enjoy. " But some will say there is no Harm at all " To hear a Play, no more than fee a Ball;

Without Diversions People would go mad;
Diversions make the Heart chearful and glad;

" And God will never speak against such Ways:

We may be virtuous tho' we go to Plays;

Such innocent Amusements are no Sin ;

"They drive all Melancholy from within;

" And that is right, for People should be glad,

" Nor be too righteous, least they should go mad.

Diversions may be us'd with Innocence,

" So we conclude they are not an Offence." And do you fo? but can you prove the same? If fo, I fay, your strongest Proofs proclaim; But Scripture fails you, fo doth Reason too, Tho' they feem right they will your Souls undos. Pain is annex'd to carnal Pleasures here; Pleasures of Sense but lead to black Despair. Despair is what vain Pleasures give the Soul; Pleasures do wound, alass! not make it whole. Pleasures of Sense can never satisfy; The vast Defire which in the Soul doth lie. Instead of this they leave it discontent, Still wanting more, still to vain Pleasures bent; The Soul wants rest, but carnal Pleasures can Never give rest unto the Soul of Man. One Pleasure grasp'd, another doth present, Still void of God! void of all true Content. Content is not in any Thing but he, Who made the Soul to live eternally. For true Content fearch all Creations round; But out of God it never will be found. No, in no wife; for carnal Pleasures do But lead the Soul unto eternal woe. They may feem sweet, but they in Gall will end, To all who do not find the Lord their Friend; For when pale Death hath thrown the Mask aside, The mighty God the Contest will decide. They'll, doubtlefe, fee the End of Pleasures vain, In the dark Gulph of everlasting Pain.

But Men of Pleasure who, with all their Might. Pursue their God of Pleasure, Day and Night, Do little think what will their Portion be, When took from Time into Eternity. For their vain Hopes of Blis no more will be, Tho! here they dream of true Felicity; While all their Life they live in Pleafures vain, And Day and Night their Master's cause maintain, So they may hope for Blifs, but all in vain; For while their carnal Pleasures they maintain Their Hopes will fail, which will their Souls confound, Not built on Christ, but upon landy Ground; And yet the Swearer and the Drunkard too, Yea th' most abandon'd of the hellish Crew. Are fill'd with Hopes to live in endles Bliss, And not in Hell, where Torments never ceafe ; But their vain Hopes at Death will from them fly; And when they fland before the Lord most high, They'll fee the End of their vile Wickedness. If not in Time chang'd by his special Grace; Yet to the End that they may faved be, From Sin in Time and endless Misery, He by his Spirit doth convince of Sin, Their Souls immortal which are all unclean, From Time to Time, he works upon the Mind, His Work to Rop new Pleasures they do find; Regardless of his Motions they pursue Their crooked Ways which are but sweet while new : Yet they can talk of Christ, Blife, and Religion; What profits that, while Strangers to Conversion? While they purfue their carnal Pleafures vain-Or are immers'd in groffer Ways of Sin? Religion never was in more Men's Brains, Than at this Day, yet few in Truth it gains; Few are it's Advocates in Life and Heart; Few with their Sine for true Religion Part : And

And yet these bear his ever-bleffed Name, By whom our Being and Redemption came; But Names change not the Nature of a Thing; Names will not Souls to endles Glory bring. Swearing and lying Christians there are none; Drinking and Whoring Christians do disown The Name and Nature of the Son of God. By doing Evil and refusing Good. None are true Christians who God's Law transgress. Who do refift the Spirit of his Grace: None are true Christians void of Faith divine, Who do not from pure Love in good Works thine; None have true Faith who live in any Sin; Faith works by Love and changes all within. Faith justifies and makes poor Singers whole, And that throughout in Body, Spirit, Soul. None have true Faith who are for Pleasures bent; None have true Faith who never did repent; None have true Faith who trust for works to be Saved to Blifs, from endles Mifery. This is true Faith to know the Love of God, To feel Redemption through his precious Blood, To feel his Peace within the Soul abide, To know his Spirit is our only Guide: Faith is a Work, but 'tis the Work of God, Purchas'd for all by Christ, who thed his Blood; And all who feek in earnest find the same, To live to him, and die to Praise his Name: But void of Faith all Hopes of Blifs are vain; And yet to hope for Blifs and live in Sin, Is nought elfe but Presumption I declare; Such do in Fact the King of Glory dare; To hope for Blifs and yet in Works to truft, Is in Effect declaring God unjust. But he is just, and only for the Sake Of Christ, his Son, can we of Bliss partake:

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Tho' Men do dream for their own Works to be Saved to Biffe from endles Milery; Because they walk in all the Means of Grace, And do some Good, they think to live in Blifs. I own without good Works no one can be Saved to Blifs from endles Mifery : Yet while the Heart is untenew'd by Grace, It is in vain to Hope for endless Blis: 'Tis right to read, to hear God's Word, and pray, And in all Points to keep the Sabbath-Day; 'Tis doubtleis right to do what Good we can, Unto the Body and the Soul of Man; Yea 'tis our Duty; yet when all is done, Thus faith God's own true, everlatting Son, Unprofitable Servants we are found; Then, are our Works for Blifs fufficient Ground? No, in no wife; if fo what Need was there For Christ in human Nature to appear: To live a holy, righteous Life on Earth? To die at last an ignominious Death? To tife again, again afcend on high? To intercede for Man, his Enemy? What Need of this, I say, if Man can be Saved for Works, to Blifs, from Milery? What Need was there? Why there was none at all a Then furely Man from Gon did never fall; He never did his righteous Law transgress, But always liv'd in Perfect Holinels. Nay: Man hath Sin'd against the Lord most high, Nor can he Justice ever fatisfy. Thus 'twas with Adam, thus it doth remain; Justice will have it, or give endless Pain. But Man unable this great Work to do, Justice cry'd out, fink him to endless Woe; Send the offender to eternal Pain, Nor let him find Redemption thence again;

But, fing O Heavens! and rejoice O Earth? Mercy steps in, and so prevents the Death : The Everlafting God a Promise made The Woman's Seed that bruife the Serpent's Head. I, the eternal Son, will live and die For Man, who is become my Enemy The Law he's broke, I will again fulfill's I'll die for him fince Justice Death doth will; Tho' he was God from Eternity, This he fufill'd unto the last Degree. He liv'd and dy'd for Man, he role again, And did ascend to the imperial Plain; There he for Sinners ever lives to pray; His Presence maketh everlasting Day; And for his Sake Sinners must saved be From Sin in Time, and Endles Milery. By his free Grace all Men convinced are, And by the same all such as are fincere, Find Pardon and Salvation, while on Earth, And Glory when past through the Vale of Death This is the Way, and only Way, which Man Can find Salvation, while in Time, from Sin ; This is the Way, and only Way, which he Can at the last be fav'd from Milery. This Paul, the great Apostle, bath laid down; He shews Salvation is by Grace alone. Gon freely faves, not for what we have done, But for the Sake of Jesus Christ, his Son; And well for Man, I fay, 'tis well for he, That ever God found fuch a Remedy A Balfom which can heal the deepest Wound; To him who come are made entirely found; The Way to come is to renounce all Sin; Selt, that tweet Darling, in us must not reign; We must be found in all the Means of Grace, Yet look thro' all to Christ, who offers Peace & and tentine or returned And

And the Salvation comes not for the fame. Yet without this we shall find endles shame : As finfull Creatures we dependant are On Gop, for what we have, or hope to share. Our Food he gives, our Raiment and our Health. Grace, while in Time, and everlasting Wealth: So unto him we should each Moment spend, Since we on him for all Things do depend ; Yet if by Works we will Salvation feek, The moral Law we must be sure to keep a We must not fin in Thought, in Word, or Deed. But live as he who on the Crofs did bleed; But this we cannot, fince by Nature we Are Branches of a foul, corrupted Tree. And from our Nature, that corrupted Stream. Flows every Sin which outwardly brings Shame. And being to corrupt in Life and Heart, We have not kept the Law in whole or part: Sinles Obedience, both without, within, It doth require: do this and Glory win: But this we cannot; this great Work was done: By Sinners? Nay, by God's eternal Son; Yet we must work, as the' for Works we must Be fav'd to Blifs, but not in Works to trust: Not for our Works, nor yet without can we Be faved to Blifs from endles Mifery. Christ is the Cause, his Spirit works Conversion God will have all the Praise of our Salvation. But would he have it if our Works would fave Our Souls to Blifs, when they our Bodies leave ? Should we praise him for his all-saving Grace? Or should we not give to ourselves all Praise ? I think we should; but this will never be; For the' the Lord bestows Salvation free, It is our Duty to do what we can. Yet look to God to make all right withinFaith justifies before the Lord most high, Works before Man our Persons justifie; True Faith in Man is wrought by God's free Grace, Where this is found the Soul gives him all Praise. Praise him ye Saints, who are with Glory crown'd; Praise him ye Angels who his Throne furround; Praise him ye Saints who sojourn upon Earth, In all you do thew forth the fame till Death. Happy the Souls whole Conflicts now are o'er, Who are fale landed on the blifsful Shore. Thrice happy they secure for ever dwell. In Joys immortal, Joys unspeakable. Happy are they, who have in Jefus found A healing Plaister for their ev'ry Wound; Who are united unto him, their Head, And are by his unerring Spirit led ; Happy are they and bleffed of the Lord, Since they are unto Life divine reftor'd. Once they were dead, but now they live again. And count the World with all its Pleafures vain-Vain World I Each cries, thy Proffers I do fcoro. To Things above my Spirit now is born; From Christ my Life I find true Peace and Reft : Vain World adieu, in Christ I must be bleis'd. Christ is their all, their Prophet, Priest, and King. Christ to their Souls all needful Good doth bring : He rules their Minds, they ferve him Night and Day, And from Experience, each amaz'd, can fay, Where, or how, that my wond'ting Soul begin, To tell the Mercy which I feel within? That I, a Sinner, rendered fit for Hell, in my poor Soul the comforter shou'd dwell? Amazing Love I How comes the fame to be? Why shou'd my Saviour shew such love to me? That I, a Sinner, wreiched, loft and poor, He, by his Spirit, shou'd to Life restore? Amaziog

Amazing Love! Tis boundlefs Mercy free, That he should Pardon poor unworthy me, And by his Spirit witness in my Heart, That I'm bis Child, and there pure Life impart; Amazing Love! 'tis all of Grace-I tell That I thould feel pure Peace, unspeakable; That I should feel my Saviour's Love in me; O boundless Love ! Mercy divine and free! I'm lost in wonder, fince I am forgiven. And that I should feel a Foretaste of Heaven. Peace, Love and Joy, the Fruit of his own Spirit, The Gift of God, which Christ for me did merit. This is my Heaven, to know his Love to me, My God is Love, his Love for all is free; I found it fo; the Chief of Sinners I, And fo may all, for Chrift for all did die. Come tafte his Love with me, ye Sons of Men; Let not my Saviour live and die in vain, But leave your Sins and them confels to God, And feek Redemption in my Saviour's Blood; Only for this you will accepted be, Only through this you can in Time be free. From Sin the Guilt, and from it's reigning Power, From it's Kemains, and Hell at your last Hour : If here you find Redemption in his Blood, You will enjoy the Peace and Love of God; This flows from Senfe of Pardon of all Sin. Peace, Life and Love, are manifest within. O feek Redemption in his precious Blood; Seek Pardon, Peace and Life and Love from God; Which if you find your Sou's will happy be, And praise him for Redemption found with me. Did you but know the Peace I do posses, And were convinc'd you flood in Need of this, As lure you do, you would be earnest for it, Nor rest content till in your Hearts you had it.

Seek ve in earnest. I beseech you now, Unto my Saviour's Sceptie freely bow; Delay no longer; Time flies (wit away, And fast approacheth your last a weful Day. O haste to Christ before that Day doth come, His Arms are open, for you there is Room; Now make your Calling and Election fure, Your Souls are wounded, feek to Christ for Cure, His Spirit, the true Purchase of his Blood, Will cure the same and join them unto God. Mind ye its Motions, cherish all Conviction, Rest not without the Knowledge of Salvation & For if you do, when Death to you shall come, You will meet with your everlafting Doom ; Confign'd to Wee, to everlatting Pain, Nor ever find Redemption thence again. But why alatel why should your Dwelling be With Frends unbappy, plung'd in Milery? Since you may find Redemption while on Earth, And everlatting Glory after Death. And is it true that you may be forgiven, And here made meet to live with Christ in Heaven? And is if true that you may happy be In Joys which are to all Eternity? Yes, oh my Friends, all this is really true, If you in Time will bid to Sin adieu; If you for take and them confess to God, He'll give you these through him who shed his Blood a Oh then be wife and happy while you may; Now is the Time, now is Salvation's Day. You may have Pardon, Holinels and Blifs, Peace while in Time, and endless Happiness. And will you not be wife for your own Good. And feek Redemption in our Saviour's Blood? Will you not turn that you may holy be, To live with God to all Eternity? Yes

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Yea lure you will; then make a speedy Choice; Let Saints and Angels over you rejoice. Let your Conversion be prais'd far above; Let all the Choirs chant forth the Power of Love. This they will do, if you will but be wife; If you feek for and find substantial Joys. When you are born again of his own Spirit. They will rejoice and praise King Jesus for it. But when you are made meet for Joys above, And landed fafe where all are Peace and Love, For your Salvation they will make to ring The Heavenly Courts, in praise to Christ, their King; And you with them will join in ceaseless Praise, To fing the Wonders of his Love and Grace; Immortal Joys with them you there will prove, In the full Ocean of eternal Love. O bleffed End! and this will be your own, If you will but from Sin to Jefus turn; If you find Pardon and Perfection here, You will, at Death, in endless Joys appear; But if you do not, be affur'd of this, You will at Death tall short of endless Blis. For when the mighty God gives Death Command, He comes and layeth on you his cold Hand; You die, your'e gone, but where's the Soul I pray? Convey'd by Angels to eternal Day? Alass, alass it is not I declare; 'Tis plung'd into the Regions of Despair. Sin. that foul Monfter, gnaws the guilty Mind, Which, for a Moment, can no Comfort find. In Hell 'tis not; the Soul her Hell doth bear, 'Tis fill'd with Horror, Darkness and Despair, () w full fate who wou'd be fo unwife, To Ay from Heaven for vain, fading Joys? Who would lofe Heaven for the Sweets of Sin, And make fure Work of everlasting Pain? Sure

Sure none but mad Men would fo stupid be, To fly from Blifs to endless Mifery. And yet, God knows, whole Multirudes there are. Who flock the downward Road to black Defeatrs Courageous bold, are Sinners while in Health, They spend in Sin the best of worldly Wealth; Time, that tich Jewel, thus alass they spend, Which doubtless will in sure Destruction end. See how they rant and rove in Pleafures gay, And drink and whore and break the Sabbath-Day, They curle and fwear, and hug each darling Sin; The Mark of Satan's on their Forehead plain; Religion that's of little worth with them. It's Power within they utterly contemp, It's Outfide by them scarcely is borne up, And yet for Heaven they do vainly hope; But follow them to a fick Bed, and hear, How earnestly they cry to God in Prayer; Hark! how they promife, if they mend again, a o live to him, and not in Ways of Sin. Sin now lies heavy on their guilty Mind, And Hell before them firikes a Scene unkind; They fear to die, because they guilty are; On this Account they cry to God in Pray'r; To some indeed he grants a longer Space, But when got well they do again transgress; Yea, some prove far more wicked than before, Satan they ferve, and faithfully adore. But will they 'scape? No, no; for die they must. Their Bodies will again return to duft, Their Souls will go into a World unknown. And if found guilty they will be undone: Methinks I fee one, on his Death-bed lie; But is it Thought, or in Reality? Guilty alass he dreads to think on Death. Fearfull to die and give up his last Breath ;

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Methinks I hear him cry to mend again ; But all his cries abortive are, and vain; Methinks I fee his Joints smite one the other. And round him weeping Parents, Sifter, Brother: Methinks I fee him trembling on his Bed. His Heart within ready to cleave with Dread. Crying aloud oh! whither must I go? My Pain, my Fear is great, what shall I do? His Friends alas, hearing his difmal Cries. Do wring their Hands while Tears gufh from their Eyes; Some crying out my Son, my Brother dear, Will die, and leave us to lament him here; A mispent Life is now set in full View, And Death doth now his guilty Soul purfue, Which makes him fearfull to be took from hence; But against Death there is no fure Defence. His Friends do pray and weep, but all in vain, And he cries out for He'p to mend again ; Fearfull to die, but Death with his cold Hand, Is ready to obey the Lord's Command, And Friends, fill weeping, him they do behold, Some crying out alas his Feet are cold. Then with him they all take their last Farewell, But little think where his poor Soul must dwell; And now methinks he is near dead and gone. Death rifeth gradual, he doth fear and groan, But die he must for Death has now Command, So Arikes all over his cold Thivering Hand, His Bodies here, but where's the Scul I pray? In endles Night or everlasting Day? Is it in Glory endless Toys to share? Or in the Gulph of Darkness and despair ? "Tis not in Blife; alas, alas 'tis gone Into the Gulph of Night, there to bemoan It's misspent Life, and for it's curted Sin, It will be fill'd with everlafting Pain.

Oh wofull End! Oh dreadfull is its Doom. There Comfort for one Moment cannot come: The End of Sin is everlafting Pain : Then none but Madmen fure would live in Sin : Shocking their Life, more hocking is their Death. But more, alas, when they are took from Earth ! For then they ceafe from their Divertions here. Confign'd with Fiends eternal Woes to share; But, on the other Hand, the righteous view In Life, and them to a Death-bed purfue; View them exalted on a Throne of Love. With Christ their Saviour endless Toys to prove; Their Life is bleffed ; bleffed in their Death. But far more bleffed when took from our Earth : For then they cease from Tribulation here. And of pure Joys to have a pleffed thare, In Life they do repent of ev'ry Sin. In Life their Souls are truly born again: In Life God's Spirit doth to them apply Salvation, Peace, and Life, and Love, and Toy: Him they do ferve, obed ent to his Word. Since their dead Souls are unto Life restor'd; He crowns the same with his own Presence here. Which causeth them the greatest Cross to bear, And while they bear with Patience ev'ry Cross, They count all things for Christ but Dung and Drofs. And while they do from Sin unto him cleave, They grow in Grace and to his Glory live; No State like theirs to bleffed and to good; They are the Friends and Favourites of God: Adorn'd with him true Virtue they pursue, And Pleafures find which are for ever new; Happy they are, for they indeed possels, The Love of God, the Source of Happiness: And having this they need no other Good; Love is their all, their Heaven, and all is God. O Bleffed

O bleffed Souls! fo favour'd of the Lord: For in them dwells Christ, the eternal Word. He rules their Minds, he doth them fanctify. And makes them meet for everlafting Joy. O blefled Soute I the Image of their Lord Is by his Spirit unto them reftor'd. Like the King's Daughter, glorious all within. Made meet for God in endlels love to reign. O happy Souls! when thus adorn'd within. Methinks in Time they will not long remain ; Made ready for their everlatting Home. With low they cry O come, Lord Tefus, come? O happy Souls when Sickness, Death's Forerunner, Is on them laid, at God they do not murmur; No. they rejoice to think their End is nigh; Content they live, yet more content to die; O happy Souls I they fear not to meet Death, But long indeed to give up their last Breath ; Death's Sting is gone which makes them not to fear. But welcome Death, as a good Meffenzer: No gloomy Horrour lies upon their Mind. Death only is to them a Porter kind: Death opens wide the Door thro' which they go From Time to Blifs, and 'scape eternal Woe. Methinks I fee them in their lateft Hours. And round them waiting the angelic Powers. For to conduct their happy Souls away. When they do quit their Tenements of Clay. O happy Sould they only wait the Hour, When Death shall strike all over them his power; When he shall lay upon them his cold Hand, Their Souls will rife to the pure blifsfull Land, Methinks I fee them gasping out their last, When Death on them his thevering Hand doth caft s Methinks I fee their happy Spirits rife To the bright Shore of everlasting Toys: Methinks Methinks I fee them welcom'd into Blifs. By the eternal triune God of Grace. And by the Choirs who circle round his Throne. In and by whom his bleffed Will is done: Methinks I fee, when they together meet, How kindly they do to each other greet. Methinks I fee them each with Glory crown'd And the bright Choirs the heavenly Throne furround ; Methinks I hear them all in Chorus join. In one eternal Song of praise divine, Fill'd with pure Joys, Joys which will never end, From God their all, their Everlatting Friend. O happy Souls I their evil Days are gone; Their Reft is fure, now on their Saviour's Throne; Their Toils are ended, Pain they know no more; Their Joys are lafting on the blifsfull Shore; O happy Sould they rest secure from Sin. From Satan, and a World of Pleasures vain : Boundiels their Toys, from Tribulation free, So will remain to all E ernity. O happy Souls! Praise is your whole Employ. And love the only Heaven you do enjoy; For God is Love and will your Heaven be. O bleffed thought I to all Eternity. Hail happy Souls ! you we congratulate; Now you are landed on your blefs'd Estate: Your Days of Mourning now are at an End. You live secure with your eternal Friend. Hail happy Souls! on the celeftial Shore. You now fare well and must for evermore: No more to live in a mean House of Clay. But in pure Joys, thro' one eternal Day. Hail happy Souls! hail all ve bleffed Choirs! Who tune your Harps, and found your golden Lyres. Hail all ye happy Souls, redeem'd by Blood ! And all ye Angels round the Throne of God ! Hail

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Hail Father, Son, and Spirit, three in one, Be everlafting Praise to thee alone. Thou art, and was, and shall for ever be; Thy Glory was, is, and no End will fee; To thee, O Lord I belongs immortal Praile, For the rich Wonders of thy Love and Grace; Angels and Saints thy ceaseless Praise do fing To thee they do their grateful Tribute bring. Praise him ye Sainte, ye happy Souls on Earth, Ye who do know the bleffed Second-Birth, Rejoice, since your Redemption draweth nigh, For foon with them Praile will be your Employ, Follow your Lord, while living here below, Thro' good Report and evil with him go; Be humble, patient, and refign'd to God, Who hath and will do all for your own Good; Mind not vain Triffes, but substantial joys, For you know well where folid Comfort lies: Mind nought to much as your immortal Parts Rest not content till you are pure in Beart; In all you do frive to let torth his Praile, Since your Salvation freely came by Grace; Obey the Motions of your Guide within, Grieve him no more by in, or outward Sin; Delight for him all. Things for to endure, Crosses, indeed, lead to the Crown most sure, And to, in Hope the Crown for to enjoy, Bear well your Crofs, your Crofs will bear you high : High above Earth, and earthly Things you'll rove. And in your Hearts enjoy perpetual Love: God is your Friend, his Friendship you enjoy; Keep close to him by Prayer until you die; Mind not the Frowns or Smiles of this vile Age. But ev'ry Foe by Strength divine engage, And never fear but you shall Conquest win, Over yourfelf, Satan the World, and Sin;

A glorious Conquest this indeed will be Which ends in Peace, from Tribulation free. A Conquest which the Saints above have prov'd, They loved God, and were of him belov'd; Like them fland faft and fight your Paffage thro' 'Till you shall bid this finful World adieu, 'Till you are pure, and Death your Bodies flay, 'Till landed lafe in everlafting Day. O what a bleffed, joyful, glorious Day ? You there will have, and in it ever flay; A Day of Rest from Sorrow, Sin and Pain, From Satan, and a World of Pleasures vain; O Bleffed Day I it's joys are lafting fure, To all, in Grace who to the End endure; Which that you may a glorious Conquest make, The Lord in Mercy grant for his own Sake.

To you again who do God's Law transgress, What shall I say that you may feek for Peace! What Arguments shall I make use of to Persuade you now to shun the Path to woe? What can I fay more than already done? Oh then be wife, receive it as your own; Confider well the difmal End of those Who do the Lord with all their Might oppose Confider well the Life and bleffed End Of those who find and keep the Lord their Friend: You fee their Life, their Death, and End in Blits; O then, like them, obey the God of Grace; Like them be wife; as they were, Faithful be; Serve ve the Lord in true S neerst. And never fear but you their End shall gain, You shall with God in endless Glory Reign. What fay you yet? Will you be wife or no? Determine foon, or everlatting Woe Will be you Portion, to your dread Difmay, While Saints are living in eternal Day.

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But why alas, why should your Portion be With Fiends confign'd to endles Mifery? Why thould, I lay, their difmal State be yours? Since you may dwell with the bright Angel Powers. Be not unwife, turn, turn and don't delay. For Time, your precious Time, fires fwift away. 'T will quickly end; O then each Moment prize. And feek in earnest for substantial Joys; Make no Pretence for Heaven, unless you do Forfake your Sins, the Caufe of ev'ry Woe: Talk not of Christ, or Works to gain Salvation, Unless in Heart you make Choice of Religion; But if you think gook Works your Souls will fave To endless Blis, why don't you better live? For without them, in Fact you do make known, Your Souls will be eternally undone: Good Works you've none, for Sin is your Delight; Good you despite and love the Works of Night, And yet you fay good Works your Souls will fave To endless Toys, tho' you in Sin do live. Alass poor Souls do not deceived be? Your Way will doubtless end in Misery; So look about you, be not so unwise To live in Sin and hope for endless Toys: Part with your Sins or you will be undone; Embrace the Offer of God's only Son; Pardon and Peace, and Life, and Love, and Joy, Will be your own, if you with him comply. Talk not like fome Pretenders to Religious Who rest content without their Soul's Conversion; One fays I've Works, another fays I've Faith, Both which they tay will fave from endless Death; Faith without Works. Works without Faith 'tis fure, Only deciare the Heart to be impute. Faith is the Tree from whence good Works do spring; Faith to the Soul is ev'ry needful Thing; Faith Chrift is the Root, Faith is the Branch, or Tree, From whence doth flow all Works of Piety. The Heart made good, good Fruit will doubtless bear, But outward Works prove not the Heart fiacete; If Men have Faith from it good Works will foring. Works bring nor Faith, but Faith good Works doth bring Get right within, then right without you'll be, Since from the Heart flows Works of Piety; Men may be right without, yet wrong within, The Mind renew'd will Conquer outward Sin; But right within, and wrong without none ate, This never was, nor will be, I declare. Consider this ye Men who live in Sin, And you who hope for Works in Blifs to reign, For outward Works, without the Heart's made good, Will never bring the Soul to live with God, But Thousands little think about the same. For if they did, fure they would turn to him; They would not rest i'th' outfide of Religion, But would pursue in earnest their Salvation. But fure I fay Men long for endless Pain. Or they would never how that Monfter Sin : For Sin they do with all their Might purfue. And if not quickly they too late will rue: Be not so haity, O I ye Sons of Men. To make fore Work of everlatting Pain: Confider well where a vain Life will end: Be wife, Refrain, and feek the Judge your Friend's Where he's a Friend he is the belt that can Be found in Favour of poor mortal Man; And if you find and keep him here your Friend, He'l be the same when Time with you shall end. So make your Choice, cha'e Victue or keep Sin : Chule Life or Death, a Heaven or Hell within a For endless Night, and everlatting Day. As at your Choice, so make it while you may,

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You fee if you make Jesus Christ your Friend Eternal Blifs with him will be your End, But if you do not, everlasting Woe Will be your Portion, you will quickly know. But why, alais! Why should eternal Pain ? Your Portion be, fince you with God may Reign? Why will you die, fince you may always live, Alass Poor Souls, do not yourselves deceive; Make no Pretence to what Sect you belong. If you refolve the down ward Road to throng. Say nought of Church, of Chapel, or the like, Unless at Sin, both Root and Branch, you ftrike, When Sunday comes, the bleffed Sabbath Day, People to th' Church, or Chapel, do away; There what do they? Why thousands do declare That they in true Religion have no share; For many talk before Service begins, Like the ATHENIANS, about needless Things; But when the Parson doth before them come They feem like Saints whole Graces are in Bloom; Saints in appearance (only) are not good, But Saints in Heart and Life are lov'd of God. True Saints (indeed) are ferious, ev'ry where, They Love the Lord and from all Sin forbear. True Saints, or Christians, no Disturbance make, In God's own House, nor in it vainly speak, But fuch as make Diffurbance cannot be True Saints, or Christians, in Sincerity; For fome thort Space thele leeem as tho' they were True earnest Saints, but they are not fincere; For if they were Religious they would be In ev'ry Place and from all Evil flee; But too, too many, of this fort are found, In ev'ry Sect, with Hearts and Lives unfound; Swearers, and Drunkards, yea the vilest Men Are found in all, it doth appear too plain;

Yet all are strenuous for their own Religion, Poor Advocates, while strangers to Conversion. One Party tays our Way of Worship's right, Others are dark, but ours is open light; Another lays our Way is right and we Will stand by it, unto the last Degree; Thus each contend, great Zealots they do feem, Tho' Sin they love, and SATAN's Ways efteem: Zealots like thele are Scandals to Religion. Rejectors of the Lord and his Salvation, Poor filly Men, what doth it lignity, What's right or wrong, while they with Sin comply? Talk ye no more what's right or what is wrong, While you resolve the downward Road to throng; Stand up no more to talk about Religion, Unless you will feek for your Soul's Salvation. No more to any Piace of Worship go, If you will travel in the Way to Woe. Pretend no more of knowing ought that's good, While you do Sin against a gracious God. For more you know worse punish'd you will be, Unless you do from Sin to Jesus flee. Greater your Knowledge worse will prove your Fate, If dying in an unconverted State. Resolve streightway to serve God or the Devil; Pursue all Good, or else pursue all Evil. Halt not between two, be one thing or other, Serve God or Satan, soon to one surrender. Be Saints, indeed, or else to all declare That you are those who travel to Despair. If you ferve Satan Woe your End will be, If you ferve God his Glory shall you fee. I speak with Freedom, for I do declare Two Masters you can never serve fincere; So cleave to one and from the other go, Relolve with speed what you intend to do;

But had von not far better turn to God Who will work in you every needful good, Had you not better live to him while here, That you, at Death, in Glory may appear? Yea fure you had; OI then no longer trifle, But let each one become the Lord's Disciple: Delay no longer, this may prove your Fate, While you are in an unconverted State; For I declare to every Soul of Man. All Sin deferveth everlafting Pain ; Be who you will or what you will, I fay, If you die guilty, you will die alway; Tho' you declare yours is the best Religion, Hell you will have if you reject Salvation. For Nataes and Sects, and Parties, nothing are, With God, before whom all mud foon appears AT will not be aft'd which Party we were in-But whether we ferv'd God or liv'd in Sin. We may belong to any and be good, We may be in the belt, nor live with God. I wonder then at Men's Infatuation. To talk fo much for this or that Religion, While they love Sin, or trust to gain Salvation For outward Works, without Regeneration; A Soul renew'd, a pure, and spotless Mind, Can only entrance into Glory find. A Heaven it finds while in its House of Clay 3 It's full Enjoyment is in endless Day.

You that are young I call you to be wife,
Forfake your Sins and feek substantial Joys;
Begin, while young, to serve the Lord most high,
Since you, before old Age commence, may die.
Say not you are too young to be religious;
Are you too young to know the Lord all gracious?

Are you too young to close in with Religion? Too young are you to know God your Salvation ? No, you are not; Of then no longer be Led into Sin by any Company; For many die while in their bloom of Youth ; Search the Church Yard and that will fpeak the Truth. There you may read upon the Stones which lie, The Age of many who in Youth did die a One died at five, another died at ten. At fifteen, twenty, growing up to Men; They thought, perhaps, to live till old they were, But Death, you fee, did unto them appear; And unto you that Mellenger may come, And take you hence, to your eternal Home, Uncertain when, yet certain this will be ; Soon you, and all, Eternity must fee; Then, fince 'tis fo, feek God and his Salvation. Reft not content without your Soul's Convertion. Refrain from Evil Men, who lead to Ill, But leek to know and do God's bleffed Will: In every Thing you think, or speak or do. Shew forth his Praise and on to Glory go. Serve him while young, he is the best of Friends; He gives Salvation and fore Comfort lends. In leving him you'll find substantial Good, The Friendship Favour and the Love of God. All Things he made that were, are, or shall be, And Food and Raiment he bestoweth free: And Grace and Glory come the felt fame Way, To all who live, believe, and Watch and Pray. This you must do, or Glory never will Your Portion be, on Sion's happy Hill; But if in earnest you do live and die, Happy you'll be to all Eternity. Then you will got repent for ferving God, While living here, or being too foon good;

For his Rewards in Time and endless Day, Are great to all who do his Grace obey. All praise to God the Father you will fing, And God the Son, the Saints eternal King. And God the Spirit, you, for evermore, Will praise one God, and three in one adore; With Angels, and Archangels, you will join In one eternal Song of Praise divine, Who ceasiles Holy, holy, holy cry To God, the everlasting God on high; Him they adore for his abundant Grace: Hie Love in them doth cause eternal praise. Love is their Heaven, Praise their whole Emp'oy; O happy State! O bleffed World of Toy. This, my young Friends will foon your Dwelling be, It you from Sin to Christ my Savious flee; If you, like Mary, chuse the better part, You will find Heaven brought into your Heart. Then trifle not, but wak in Wildom's Way Her Path shines bright; it leads to endless Day. Her Ways are pleasant; all her Paths are Peace; She faves from Sin and Woe, to endless Blifs. Come then, I pray, of Wisdom now make Choice a 'Twill do you good to bearken to her Voice. She'il make you wife unto Salvation here, And for pure Joys your precious Souls prepare. You all defire that you may happy te, When took from hence into Elernity: This to attain, live, while on Earth, to God, Who will to you give ev'ry needfull Good.

To you in Years I now shall something speak;
But with Submission my Address I make;
I reverance you because of your gray Hairs,
That hoary Sight Old-age in you declares;
But yet, I say, how far in true Religion,
Have you advanced against your Dissolution?

One may expect you are well fraught with Grace. For the bright Shore of everlasting Blife: Have you repented, and are you forgived And will your ladeing pals for good in Heav'n? Are you made holy, righteous, all within? Do you ferve God or do you live in Sin? Take nought with you but what will pals for Good. If you are holy you will live with God; If you are Sinners and do Sinners die, You will not live in the bright World of Toy. So try your State; examine well your Mind; For right or wrong the same you'll doubtless find, If you are right blefs God for faving Grace. If you are wrong leek earnestly for Peace. For now or never is the Time for you. Since you must quickly bid this wold Adieu. One foot in Time, another in the Grave. Then O! What Need of being right you have? Your Time is thort, your glass will soon be down : Death over you will quickly get renown. He'll conquer you, O! Then with Speed prepare, For your last Day, that you may Praise declare: Repent straightway, get pardon of all Sin; Get Holinels, the Stamp divine within. Intreat the Lord, by earnest pray'r; for this. This he will give and everlatting Blifs. Now to conclude I hope each one will ftrive While they have Health, to fave their Souls alive. Put this not off till to some after Date. Left you repent when it may be too late. But while the Lord doth give you Time and Grace. Repent of all your Sin and Wickedness. While, by his Spirit, he works in your Mind, Be wife, and you will fure Salvation find. All Men, have light; the worft can this declare: All Men, at Times, by God convinced are;

All Men will be without Excuse at last ; Of then your Souls on his free Mercy caff : For his own Sake who fhed his Precious Blood, And for your Scul's true everlasting Good. Be wile in Time to know your gracious Day; Seek ye and find Salvation while you may. Live not in Sin. nor trust for Works to be Saved from Heil, to true Felicity. But ule the Means, yet look through all to God. Who will do all for your eternal Good. He'll give you Pardon, Holinefs and Bife. Pure Peace in Time, and Endles Happines. What e'er you want you may from him receive. To make you meet in ceassels Joys to live. Who then would not ferve fuch a God as he, Who gives to Sinners Grace and Glory free? And all who feek in earrieft find the fame; Seek ye: and live and die to Praise his Name,



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# On GOD's LOVE to Mankind.

WHAT wonderous things are spoke of Love, Love is the greatest chiefest good, Love is the Heaven of Heaven's above, Love was, and is, and will be God; Love is his Name, O bleffed Name! Love is his Nature; bleffed Love ! By Love our great Salvation came, Love brought the Saviour from above; Love, an all gracious Promife made When ADAM by Transgression fell, Love in him bruis'd the Se pents Head, Love came to lave Mankind from Hell. " Love was the cause of his meet Bush Love was the cause of his pure Lite. Love was the cause why he on Earth Liv'd free from ev'ry Sin and Arife, Love was the only moving cause Why he did die upon the Tree. Love bore him up in all his Woet. In Love he dy'd for all, and me. Love caus'd his Refurrection's Pow'r. Love brought him unto Life again, Love did to all Mankind reftore A way to 'scape Eternal Pain: Love caus'd him to appear again To his Apostles in distress, Love gave them Comfort after Pain. Love fill'd their Souls with Life and Peace, Love gave to each a first Command To Preach his Love to all Mankind, Love made them truly understand That all might fure Salvation find;

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Love promis'd he would with them be "Till Time, their precious Time thould end: Love promis'd one thing should be free. His Spirit thou d their Souls befriend : Love caus'd him to Alcend again To the bright Realms of perfect Day. Love there Supream always will Reign Love doth each Mind in Glory Iway. Love fent the promis'd Bleffing down. Love with the holy Spirit come, Love rais'd each Soul to high renown, Who felt it's all reviving fame. Love caus'd them to lift up their Voice, Love caus'd them to call Sinners in. Love caus'd their Souls for to rejoice. To fee poor Sinners lav'd from Sig. Love crown'd their Labours with Success. Love caus'd them for and near to go, Love bore them up in all Diffrels, Love was their Heav'n and all below. Love did and doth convince of Sin. Love did and doth forgive the fame, Love did and doth make pure within The Souls who feel it's cheering Flame? Love opens poor blind Sinners Eyes, Love doth the humbled Soul convert. Love gives the Soul substantial Toys, Love doth Eternal Life impart. Love maketh rich the mournfull Poor, Love makes Believers free from Sin. Love doth the Soul throughly reftore, Love maketh Pure without, within, Love keeps the Mind when Death draws nigh, Love bears it up when Flesh doth fail, Love laves the Soul to Engles Joy. Love is the Pitot, Ship Wind, Sail;

Love is the source of perfect Bliss. Love is the only Heav'n above, Love causeth everlatting praise, Love, boundless is, fince God is Love: Love was from all Eternity Love will Eternally remain, Love doth in God's own Bosom lie. Love is the Saints Eternal gain. Love is their all while here they flay, Love is their all in Heav'n above. Love maketh everlafting Day, Love all Victorious Saints de prove. In any Soul where love doth Reign, A Heav'n on Earth that Soul doth prove. Such do all Righteousnels maintain, For all their Actions spring from Love. Love doubtless is the greatest good, Nothing with Love can equal'd be; Love was, and is, and will be God, The Source of all felicity. To Father, Son, and Holy Ghoff One God, Immortal Praise be given, By all the blefs'd Angellic Hofts; By all the Saints in Earth and Heav'n. Praise is thy due thou God of Loves To thee belongs immortal Praise, When I thy Ceaflets Glory prove; I'll Sing the wonders of thy Grace: Save me from Sin while here I live, Thy glorious Image may I prove, Then when I die my Soul receive. Where I shall praise adore and Love.

## CHRIST's CALL to the Weary and Heavy Leaden.

OME nato me, ye Sinners all With Sins and Fears opptels'd; Harken to me, oney my call

And I will give you Reff. My Arms are open to Embrace, The Vileft of Mankind;
Who floop to my all-iaving Grace Shall fure Salvation find For I am God, Mighty to lave The Souls who come to me, Pardon and Peace I freely give, And Life and Liberty. None ever fought my Face in vain, a second to a second None ever mits'd of Cure: All shall with me in Glory Reign, Who to the End endure. Salvation from all Sin I give, And everlashing Joys; All Scuis in Time who to me live, Shall to my Glory rife. The mournfull doubting Heart I chear, The Sinner I fet free;
My humble Servants I prepare, They shall my ceaseless Glory fee, And wak with me in white, They shall to all Eternity Printe me then awn Delight Happy the Souls who ferve him here, Who feel pure Peace and Love, Thrice happy they, who do appear

Till the blesid Hour of my Releafe,
Lord may I live to thre,
May I do all i hings to the Praile,
Vert thou all Good in me.

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